## MINUTES OF MEETING #416 BOARD OF TRUSTEES KENTUCKY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 19, 2018 AT 10:00a.m.

1270 LOUISVILLE ROAD, FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601

At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on April 19, 2018 the following members were present: Joe Brothers, John Chilton, Raymond Connell, William Cook, Kelly Downard, JT Fulkerson, David Gallagher, David Harris, Sherry Kremer, Matthew Monteiro, Keith Peercy, Betty Pendergrass, Jerry Powell, Neil Ramsey, David Rich, and Sec. Thomas Stephens. John Farris arrived at 10:54 a.m. Staff members present were David Eager, Karen Roggenkamp, Mark Blackwell, Erin Surratt, Rich Robben, Connie Davis, Kristen Coffey, Connie Pettyjohn, Shawn Sparks, Katherine Rupinen, Joseph Bowman, Shaun Case, Jared Crawford, Kimberly Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Ann Case, Rebecca Adkins, Marlane Robinson and Alane Foley. Also present were Chris Schaefer, Paul Harnice, Larry Totten, Doug Price, Cary Suddeth, Teresa Sanders, Chris Biddle, Michele Hill, Rebecca Heckler, Steve Starkweather, Bo Cracraft, Eric Kennedy and Shellie Hampton. Larry Loew and Tracey Garrison from Humana were also present.

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Mr. Harris (Vice Chair) called the meeting to order.

Ms. Alane Foley called roll.

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Mr. Harris introduced agenda item *KRS Employee Service Recognition Awards*. Ms. Marlane Robinson introduced the employees that were to receive their Five, Ten, Fifteen, Twenty and Twenty-Five Year Service Awards.

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Mr. Harris introduced agenda item *Ratification of KERS Election*. Ms. Kristen Coffey reviewed the results of the KERS election and asked that the Board accept the external auditor's certification letter naming Sherry Lynn Kremer and Raymond Campbell Connell the winners of the KERS Fall/Winter 2018 Board election. Ms. Pendergrass moved and was seconded by Mr. Powell to accept this certification letter. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Harris introduced agenda item *Introduction and Oath of Office of Newly Elected Trustees*. Ms. Alane Foley, as Notary, administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Kremer and Mr. Connell.

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Mr. Harris introduced agenda item *Approval of Minutes #415*. Sec. Stephens moved and was seconded by Mr. Powell to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Harris introduced the agenda item *Legislative Update*. Mr. Eager, Mr. Blackwell and Mr. Sparks provided a Legislative update to the Board. This was for informational purposes only.

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Mr. Harris introduced agenda item *Other Business: KRS Update and IT Department Presentation*. Mr. Eager provided a KRS update and introduced Ms. Rebecca Adkins, she provided an IT Department presentation to the Board. This was for informational purposes only. *Mr. Farris entered the meeting at 10:54 a.m.* 

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Mr. Farris introduced agenda item *Other Business: Other Items*. Ms. Roggenkamp provided an update regarding the CERS contribution rates. HB 362 phases in the CERS Hazardous and Non-Hazardous contribution rates over a ten-year period. Actuaries will be providing the 2019 contribution rates along with subsequent projected rates. Ms. Roggenkamp asked that the Board approve the release of these rates to the employers as soon as they are received. Ms. Pendergrass moved and was seconded by Mr. Gallagher to approve the release of the 2019 rates along with the projected rates as soon as possible. The motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Farris asked the Board to ratify the formation and appointment to the Special Litigation Committee. This Committee consists of Mr. Farris, Mr. Harris, Mr. Chilton and Mr. Ramsey. Mr. Downard moved and was seconded by Mr. Powell to approve the formation and appointments to the Special Litigation Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Farris introduced agenda item *Executive Director Discussion*. Mr. Farris would like to remove "Interim" from his title. Mr. Rich brought up a discussion regarding compensation, this will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

Sec. Stephens moved and was seconded by Mr. Harris to remove 'Interim' from Mr. Eager's title, review his employment contract to be voted on at the next Board Meeting. This does not preclude an Executive Director search at a later date. This motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Farris introduced agenda item *Closed Session*. Mr. Powell moved and was seconded by Mr. Ramsey to go in to closed session. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Farris read the following statement and the meeting moved into closed session: A motion having been made in open session to move into closed session for a specific purpose, and such motion having carried by majority vote in open, public session, the Board shall now enter closed session to consider litigation, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c), because of the necessity of protecting the confidentiality of the Systems' litigation strategy and preserving any available attorney-client privilege. All public attendees exited the meeting.

Mr. Farris called the meeting back in to open session and asked if there was a motion to approve the recommendation of the Special Litigation Committee to approve the "Joint Motion to the Court and Parties" whereby KRS status as "nominal defendant" does not change and is agreeable to plaintiffs moving forward. Mr. Powell moved and was seconded to approve this motion. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Cook abstaining from the vote.

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Mr. Farris introduced agenda item *Election of the KRS Board of Trustees Offices: Chair and Vice Chair.* Mr. Farris made a motion to elect Mr. Dave Harris as the new Chair, and Mr. Keith Peercy as the new Vice Chair. Ms. Pendergrass seconded this motion. This motion passed unanimously.

As the new Chair, Mr. Harris addressed the Board and expressed his plans to change the May 17, 2018 Board Meeting to a date in June.

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There being no further business, Ms. Pendergrass made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Powell to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. to meet again on June 7, 2018 or upon the call of the Interim Executive Director or the Chair of the Board of Trustees.

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Copies of all documents presented are incorporated as part of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees as of April 19, 2018

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## **CERTIFICATION**

I do certify that I was present at this meeting, and I have recorded the above actions of the Directors on the various items considered by it at this meeting. Further, I certify that all requirements of KRS 61.805-61.850 were met in conjunction with this meeting.

Recording Secretary

We, the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Retirement Systems and Executive Director of the Kentucky Retirement Systems, do certify that the Minutes of Meeting Number 416, held on April 19, 2018, were approved on June 7, 2018.

Chair of the Board of Directors

Executive Director

I have reviewed the Minutes of the April 19, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting for content, form, and legality.

Executive Director Office of Legal Services